

REMARKS

Claims 19, 20, 22, 23, 29 to 34, and 38 to 48, are now pending in the above-identified application. Claims 18, 21, 24 to 28, and 35, were canceled and may be brought by Applicants in a subsequent continuation application. Claims 44 to 48 have been added. No new matter has been added.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of this response.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 19, 20, 22, 23, 29 to 34, and 38 to 43 are allowable, and that claims 24 to 28 are objected to for depending upon rejected base claim 18.

New claims 44 to 48 have been added and are believed to be allowable in light of the Examiner's remarks.

CONCLUSION

In view of all of the above, it is believed that any outstanding objections and/or rejections of all pending claims 19, 20, 22, 23, 29 to 34, and 38 to 48, have been obviated. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all the pending claims are allowable. It is therefore respectfully requested that any rejections and/or objections be reconsidered and withdrawn, and that the present application issue as early as possible.

If it would further allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at any time.

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